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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF NORWEGIAN PLANNING STAFF CHIEF

1. NORWEGIAN MINISTER COUNSELOR CAME TO SEE ME TODAY TO A"K WHETHER MEETING WITH S/P COULD BE ARRANGED FOR NOR-WEGIAN PLANNING STAFF CHIEF MARTIN HUSLID WHO WILL BE ATTENDING UNGA WITH NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. VAERNO ALSO SOUGHT MY ADVICE ON OTHER POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS IN DEPARTMENT FOR HUSLID. YOU WILL RECALL THAT NORWEGIANS ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS CONSULTED US ABOUT SETTING UP A NORWEGIAN PLANNING STAFF. APPARENTLY THEY HAVE GONE AHEAD AND DONE IT, THOUGH HOW MUCH OF OUR ADVICE THEY TOOK BEYOND THAT IS NOT CLEAR. HUSLID DOES APPARENTLY HAVE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FRYDENLUND. HP HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY TASKED WITH LEAD ROLE IN NORTH-SOUTH AFFAIRS. HUSLID APPARENTLY HAS CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND IN THIRD WORLD MATTERS. HE WAS PRINCIPAL NORWEGIAN DELEGATE (EXCEPT FOR BRIEF APPEARANCES BY CABINET MINISTER) AT UNCTAD IV WHERE HE GOT TO KNOW CHUCK ROBINSON. IN NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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YORK HE WILL IN PARTICULAR PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMITTEE ON

UN RESTRUCTURE.

- 2. ACCORDINGLY TO VAERNO, HUSLID WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA

 A) THE POLICY PLANNING FUNCTION,
 B) NORTH-SOUTH MATTERS, C) UN RESTRUCTURING AND THE ISSUE
 OF INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES GENERALLY. VAERNO SAID THAT
 HE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE FIRST
 TWO WITH US AND OBVIOUSLY THE THIRD AS WELL IF WE WERE
 INTERESTED. HE SAID THAT HUSLID COULD PERHAPS SPEND
 SOME TIME WITH YOU AND ME AND THEN PERHAPS TALK TO THE
 RELEVANT STAFF MEMBERS SEPARATELY. HE ALSO SAID HUSLID
 WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE INTERESTED IN SEEING PEOPLE LIKE
 ROBINSON, LEWIS, AND BOEKER AND THAT HE WOULD BE ARRANGING
 THIS SEPARATELY. WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 IS TIME WHEN HUSLID
 COULD BEST BE IN WASHINGTON.
- 3. I TOLD VAERNO THAT I OF COURSE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE HUSLID AND THAT RELEVANT STAFF MEMBERS COULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE, DEPENDING ON HIS INTERESTS AND TIMING. AS FOR YOUR OWN INVOLVEMENT I THOUGHT THAT WHILE I WAS SURE YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE HUSLID IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITTED YOU WERE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND IN ANY CASE FIRST PART OF WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS. I LEFT IT THAT I WO;LD CONSULT YOU AND GET BACK TO HIM EITHER LATE THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT ON WHAT MIGHT BE ARRANGED.
- 4. JAPANESE PLANNING TALKS ARE OCTOBER 4-5-6. WE COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT FOR OCTOBER 7-8, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY. GIVEN HUSLID'S POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER I THINK IT'S WORTH THE EFFORT. WE COULD WORK IT TO TAKE NO MORE THAN AN HOUR OR AN HOUR-AND-A-HALF OF YOUR TIME. FOR EXAMPLE HE COULD COME TO SEE YOU AND ME 12:00-12:30 IN YOUR OFFICE FOR TALK ABOUT PLANNING FUNCTION WHICH COULD CONTINUE UPSTAIRS OVER SMALL LUNCH AND BRANCH OUT FROM THERE ON THE NORTH-SOUTH AND OTHER MATTERS ENDING AT ABOUT 1:30 OR A LITTLE LATER. HE COULD THEN CONTINUE ON FROM THERE WITH GARTEN, ELY, AND FRANK ON NORTH-SOUTH AND WITH OTHERS ON OTHER QUESTIONS OF INTEREST.

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5. THOUGH I DID TELL VAERNO I MIGHT NOT GET BACK TO HIM UNTIL THE FIRST OF THE WEEK IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE HELPFUL TO THE NORWEGIANS IF THEY COULD HEAR FROM US BEFORE THAT. HABIB

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